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Dr. James H. Breasted
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Dear Dr. Breasted:

May I recall myself to your mind as the speaker on "Coin Hoards" at one of the meetings of your Chapter of the American Institute of Archaeology, in 1926. This occasion was made memorable for me by the luncheon arranged by Mr. Paton, and my wife, who accompanied me, counted this one of the most memorable of our experiences.

The occasion for the present writing is to commend to your attention Mr. Calvin W. McEwan, for the past several years an instructor in ancient history at the University of Pittsburgh. Last summer he was a special student at the summer school of Columbia University, and the fact that he independently visited our Museum before it was suggested that he do so by Dr. Olmstead, led me to credit him with more perspicacity than he may have possessed. I count it in his favor however, that he has now made an application for a Research Fellowship in the Oriental Institute, and I am writing to you in the hope that my impression of him as the sort of student that the Institut~~e~~ would desire to attract to its opportunities may serve as a recommendation in your eyes. Mr. McEwan's father is a clergyman of great prominence in the Presbyterian denomination, and the mental inheritance is therefore of no mean order. I feel sure that Mr. McEwan will prove worthy of the high standards of the Oriental Institute, and I hope you will find it possible to act favorably upon his application.

With assurance of my respectful regard, I beg to subscribe myself,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.